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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION TO GOS EXECUTION OF SPANISH URBAN GUERILLAS

1. HUNGARIAN NEWS MEDIA GAVE MODERATE COVERAGE TO WIDESPREAD PUBLIC PROTESTS AGAINST EXECUTIONS IN SPAIN. MOST ARTICLES BASED ON AP, UPI, REUTERS WIRE SERVICES AND QUOTED STATEMENTS BY WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AND POLITICAL LEADERS CON-DEMNING GENERAL FRANCO AND HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 28, HOWEVER, PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG SPOKE OUT EDITORIALIZING THAT EXECUTIONS ARE EVIDENCE THAT FRANCO GOVERNMENT STILL WHOLLY FASCIST IN SPITE OF MADRID'S EFFORTS TO PRESENT MODERATE IMAGE TO WORLD. NEPSZABADSAG DECLARED THAT THOSE JUST EXECUTED IN SPAIN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED "PATRIOTS" IN INTERNATIONAL ANTI-FASCIST MOVEMENT.

3. COMMENT: INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, NOT A SINGLE HUNGARIAN
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NEWSPAPER DARED TO CLEAR ITS EDITORIAL THROAT AND VOICE

AN OPINION UNTIL THE PARTY PAPER NEPSZABADSAG DID SO.
AND EVEN THE PARTY PAPER CHOSE TO FRAME ITS EDITORIAL WITH
SUPPORTING QUOTATIONS FROM NEWSPAPERS IN MOSCOW AND OTHER
EE CAPITALS. THE GOH AND THOSE WHO HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE IN
BUDAPEST CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN TOTAL SILENCE.
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